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BOARD MINUTES

HISTORIC SITE BOARD

October 18, 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information

- **Call to Order**

6:35PM

- **Members Present:**

Steve Estrada
Jim Royle
Peggy Lacy
Marge Warner
Paul Johnson

- **Staff Present:**

Donna Beddow
Gail Wright
Glenn Russell

- **Members Absent**

Charles Muse
Carmen Lucas

- **Other General Information - None**

B. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None

C. Approval of September 20, 2004 Board Minutes

Steve Estrada moved that the 09/20/2004 minutes be approved with corrections
2nd by Paul Johnson
Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Reports: Glenn Russell** – The San Diego Archaeological Center provided the County Department of Planning and Land Use a list of projects for which curation was required for mitigation. DPLU has assigned a student worker to research their list, along with new county projects, so that we will have a way to track mitigation, including curation.
- E. Announcements** – Historic Site Board members up for renewal: Steve Estrada, Paul Johnson and Carmen Lucas. Dr. Lynne Christenson, Historian, Department of Parks and Recreation invited the board members to the Warner-Carrillo Ranch House Restoration Project Open House Saturday, November 6, 2004 from 10 am to 2 pm.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Comment – None

- B. Presentations** - Dr. Lynn Gamble, Associate Professor of Anthropology at San Diego State University, gave a presentation to the HSB on the artifacts collected at the Bancroft Ranch Site. Dr. Gamble, in addition to teaching, is Director of the Collections Management Laboratory at SDSU, and has been directing the curation of the vast collection of artifacts gathered during earlier excavations of the site. There work is still much work to be done on the collection.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 3 - GLEN AND CONSTANCE TOMLINSON RESIDENCE

Applicant: Scott A. Moomjian; Owners: Brad And Cathy Geier

Location: 4928 El Mirlo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Description: The Tomlinson Residence is a one and two-story structure, designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style in 1929, with modifications in 1931, 1978 and between 2002 and 2003. The architect was Handy L. Wass of Santa Barbara. The residence is oriented on an east-west axis designed with two principal wings, which were angled to take advantage of the shape of the ridge on which it is located. The 3.76-acre property slopes to the north, to the south and to the west, and is entered from the east through a long driveway. The surrounding physical environment is neatly landscaped with mature trees, shrubs, plants, flowers and open lawn areas. Following the staff report, historian Scott Moomjian presented additional facts about the property. Mr. Moomjian and Dr. Ray Brandes, PhD collaborated on the historical research and on preparation of the reports. Property owner Mr. Brad Geier and architect Doug Mansfield were in attendance; Mr. Geier spoke to the board as well.

Today's Action: Recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract and to place this resource on the Local Register of Historic Resources.

Motion by Steve Estrada to recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract and to place the Tomlinson Residence on the Local Register of Historic Resources.

2nd by Peggy Lacy
Motion carried 5-0

ITEM 4 – WILLIAM GROSS HOUSE

Applicant: Pamela Bensoussan, ASA, Agent For Owner Dr. Marian Liebowitz

Location: 9633 El Granito Ave. La Mesa, Ca 91941

Description: The house, ancillary buildings and grounds comprise two parcels on the north slope of Grossmont. The property is located on El Granito Avenue, the original trail, which became the first road going to the mountain summit. It was the first homesite in the Grossmont Park 1910 subdivision, named after it's original owner William Gross by Ed Fletcher, his real estate partner. The home was originally built as a one-story bungalow with brick fireplace, gable roof with large overhang, board and batten siding and some additional shingle siding. The draftsman style is evident in the original interior wood paneling and ceiling beams. Pamela Bensoussan provided the board with additional information including the fact that the landscape is as significant as the house and that artwork has been incorporated into the structures. Owner Dr. Marian Liebositz spoke to the board as to the significance of the property.

Today's Action: Recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract and to place this resource on the Local Register of Historic Resources.

Motion by Paul Johnson to recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract and to place the William Gross House on the Local Register of Historic Resources to cover the entire property to include landscaping and boulders.

2nd by Steve Estrada
Motion carried 5-0

ITEM 5 - COMMENT ON THE NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF THE HOLZWASSER/WALKER SCOTT DEPARTMENT STORE & OWL DRUG BUILDING

Applicant: County of San Diego

Location: City of San Diego

Description: A document was distributed at the September meeting that requests the review of the nomination of the Holzwasser/Walker Scott Department & Owl Drug building (within the City of San Diego) for the National Register of Historic Places. Comments are welcomed up to 15 days before the November 5, 2004 meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission to consider this item. There is adequate time to review and comment on the nomination at the October 18th meeting if the Board decides to do so. The board should discuss whether or not to routinely review such nominations within the County of San Diego.

Today's Action: Decide whether to comment on the nomination

Motion by Paul Johnson to have staff prepare letter to Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) stating that we have no comments on the nomination of the Holzwasser/Walker Scott Department Store & Owl Drug building. However, the HSB appreciates the opportunity to comment and would like the opportunity to comment on future projects within the County of San Diego.

2nd by Jim Royle
Motion carried 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 6 – Native American Monitors: At present, the County does not have an official position on the use of Native American monitors on County projects.

Postponed until the November meeting

ITEM 7 – Historic Site Board Goals review

Postponed until the November meeting

OTHER

ITEM 8 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, November 15, 2004
- Review of HSB Goals
- Native American Monitors: At present, the County does not have an official position on the use of Native American monitors on County projects.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

8:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Chairman, Jim Royle

November 15, 2004

Vice Chairman, Charles Muse

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